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Revised Facility Security Continuum Matrix

The Port Security Committee through the Harbor Safety Committee has revised the Facility Security Continuum Matrix. This PCIB supercedes PCIB 39-02. The facility continuum matrix implemented in July 2002 has served the port community well. The vision and efforts of the Harbor Safety Committee have put the ports of Tampa, Manatee and St Petersburg in the forefront of port security both regionally and nationally.

As presented at the May 8, 2003 Town Hall meeting, the Coast Guard and IMO will use a three level system to convey security conditions. Maritime Security Conditions as set by Coast Guard Headquarters will replace Homeland Security Advisory System levels as the levels used by the facility security continuum. Although the two are closely aligned, they are set by different authorities. Facilities should base their security posture on MARSEC Level as communicated by the COTP.

Port Security is a mission that must be a cooperative effort of everyone involved. I appreciate the commitment of each and everyone of you in taking steps to put into place appropriate security measures. Effective immediately, Facility Operators shall implement all protective measures specified in MARSEC LEVEL I.

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